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1. SUMMARY. A NEW GALLOP POLL SHOWS CONSIDERABLE DIS-
AFFECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY, BUT PRIME MINISTER CALLA-
GHAN SAYS THERE IS NO PRACTICAL PROSPECT OF BRITAIN LEAV-
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ING THE COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. A GALLOP POLL WHOSE RESULTS WERE PRESENTED ON BBC TV
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, FOUND THAT 47 PERCENT OF THE
SAMPLE (947 ADULTS THROUGHOUT BRITAIN) SAID THAT IF THERE
WERE AN IMMEDIATE VOTE, THEY WOULD FAVOR WITHDRAWAL FROM
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THIRTY-EIGHT PERCENT WERE

AGAINST WITHDRAWAL; 15 PERCENT DIDN'T KNOW. THERE WAS A DIFFERENT RESULT AMONG THOSE WHO VOTED IN THE 1975 REFERENDUM: 43 PERCENT FOR WITHDRAWAL; 47 PERCENT AGAINST; AND 10 PERCENT UNCERTAIN. IN THE REFERENDUM ITSELF, 63 PERCENT OF THE SAME GROUP HAD VOTED IN FAVOR AND 37 PERCENT AGAIN THE EC, A PROPORTION VERY MUCH LIKE THE 67.5 PERCENT - 32.5 PERCENT SPLIT IN THE TOTAL VOTE.

3. DURING QUESTION TIME IN THE COMMONS ON JUNE 30 A CONSERVATIVE MP ASKED PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WHETHER HE DIDN'T REGRET THAT THE SIX MONTHS OF THE PRESIDENCY HAD BEEN CHARACTERIZED LESS BY BRITISH INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS AND MORE BY A RESURGENCY OF ANTI-EUROPEAN FEELING IN HIS OWN PARTY. CALLAGHAN, AFTER DEFENDING BRITAIN'S PRESIDENCY, SAID REGARDING "A RESURGENCY OF ANTI-EUROPEAN FEELING OR ANTI-COMMON MARKET FEELING, SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE REFLECTING A FEELING IN THE COUNTRY OF EXASPERATION ABOUT CONDITIONS GENERALLY WHICH THEY ARE WRONGLY RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. AS THERE IS NO PRACTICAL PROSPECT OF US LEAVING THE COMMUNITY, IT IS BETTER THAT WE SHOULD CONFINE OUR EFFORTS AND DIRECT THEM TO REFORMING THE THINGS ABOUT IT THAT DO NOT SUIT BRITISH CONVENIENCE. OF THESE THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY IS CERTAINLY ONE."

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